

① Find any local and absolute extrema of $f(x) = x^3 - 12x - 5$ algebraically.

② Discuss the slope of $y = x^3$ on the interval $(-\infty, \infty)$.
Be as detailed as you can.

rate of change at $x=0$ is 0 $f'(x) = 3x^2$

~~$(-\infty, 0)$ rate of change neg~~

$(0, \infty)$ rate of change pos.

rate of change never negative

rate of change decreasing $(-\infty, 0)$
increasing $(0, \infty)$

$$f(x) = x^3 - 12x - 5$$

$$f'(x) = 3x^2 - 12$$

$$0 = 3x^2 - 12$$

$$x = \frac{-0 \pm \sqrt{0^2 - 4(3)(-12)}}{2(3)} = \frac{\pm \sqrt{144}}{6} = \boxed{\pm 2}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} (-2^3 - (12(-2)) - 5) = 11$$

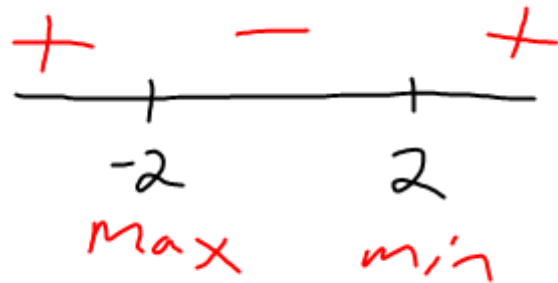
$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (2^3 - 12(2) - 5) = -21$$

-2 is local max
2 is local min

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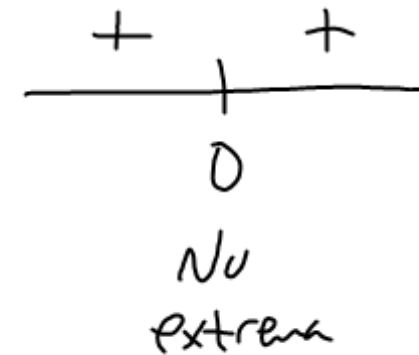
$$f'(x) = 3x^2 - 12$$

critical pts ± 2

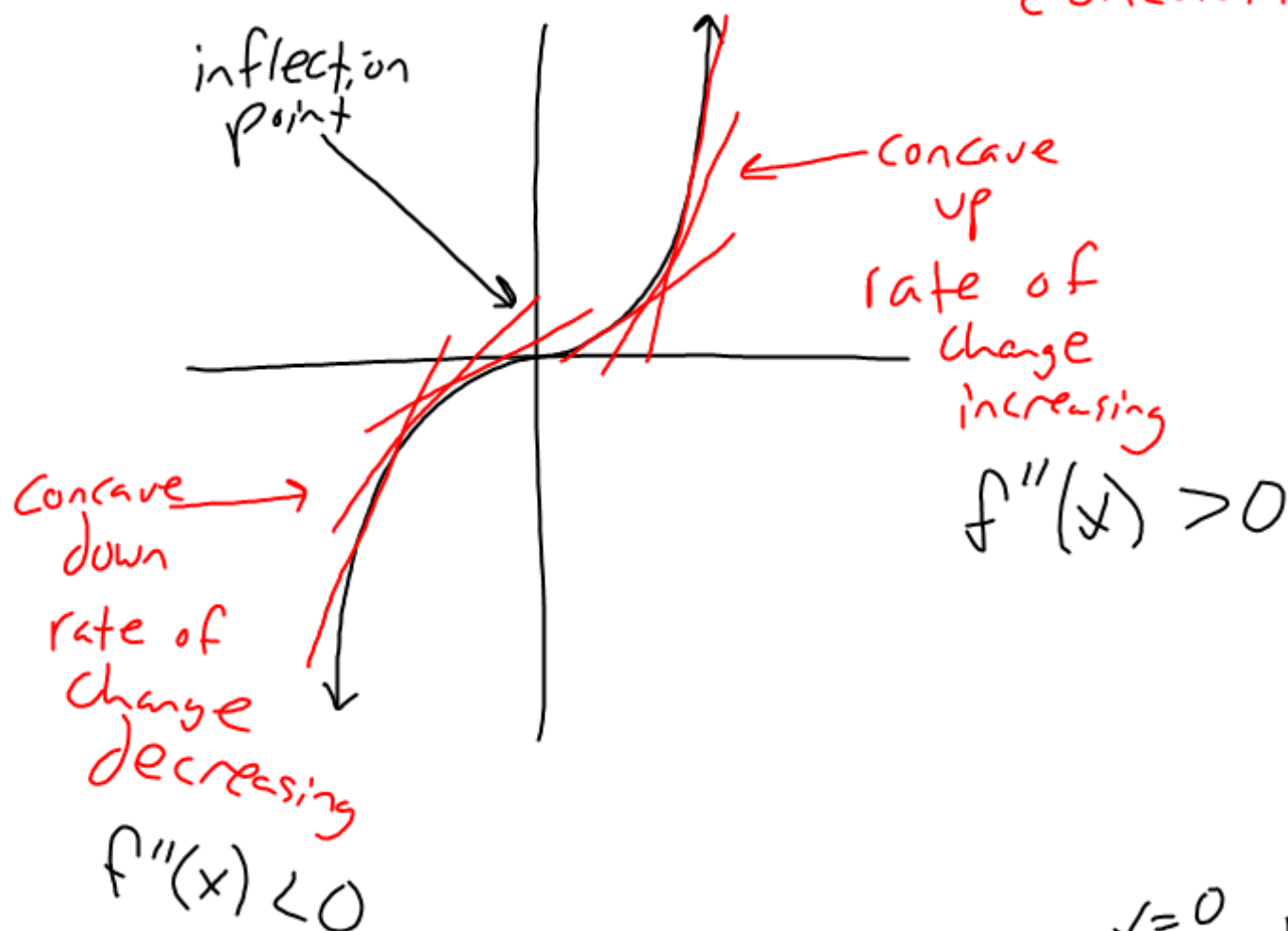


$$f'(x) = 3x^2$$

critical at $x=0$



Concavity



$$f(x) = x^3$$

$$f'(x) = 3x^2$$

$$f''(x) = 6x$$

$$(-\infty, 0)$$

$$f''(x) < 0$$

(concave down)

$$(0, \infty)$$


$$f''(x) > 0$$

(concave up)

$x=0$
inflection
pt.

Warning

2nd derivative can be zero at non-inflection points
check the pt. for a sign change



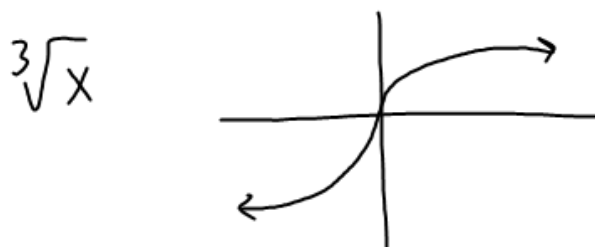
$$f(x) = x^4$$

$$f'(x) = 4x^3$$

$$f''(x) = 12x^2 \quad f''(x) = 0 \text{ at } x = 0$$

$$\begin{array}{c} + \quad + \\ \hline 0 \end{array} \quad \text{No inflection}$$

2nd derivative could be undefined at an inflection point



2nd derivative Test

if $f'(c) = 0$ and $f''(c) < 0$ have a maximum

if $f'(c) = 0$ and $f''(c) > 0$ have a minimum

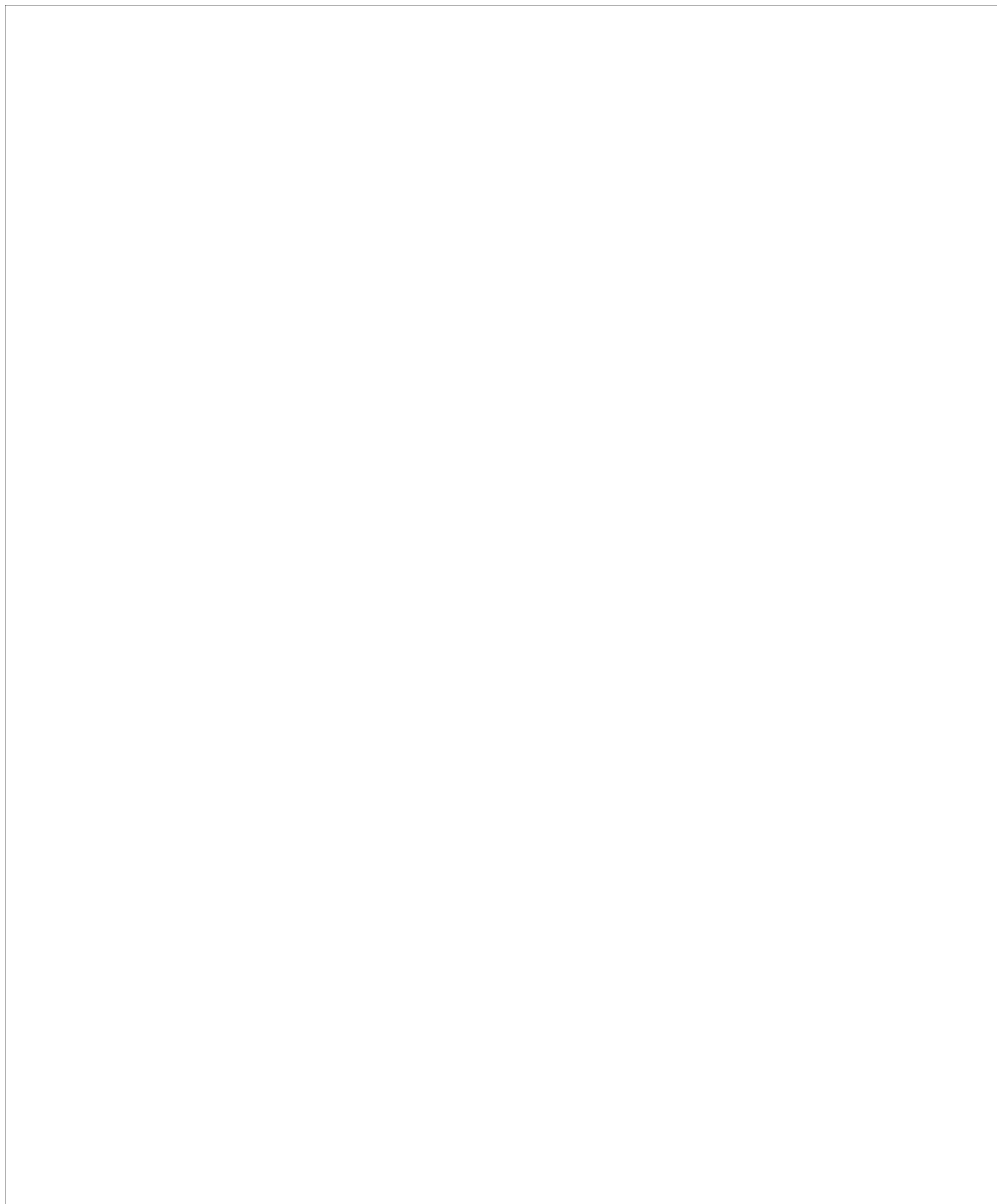
$$f(x) = x^3 - 12x - 5$$

$$f'(x) = 3x^2 - 12 \quad \text{critical pts at } -2 \text{ \& } 2$$

$$f''(x) = 6x \quad f''(-2) = \text{neg}_{\text{max}} \quad f''(2) = \text{pos}_{\text{min}}$$

Warning

The test fails if $f''(x) = 0$ or is undefined
then you have to use first derivative test

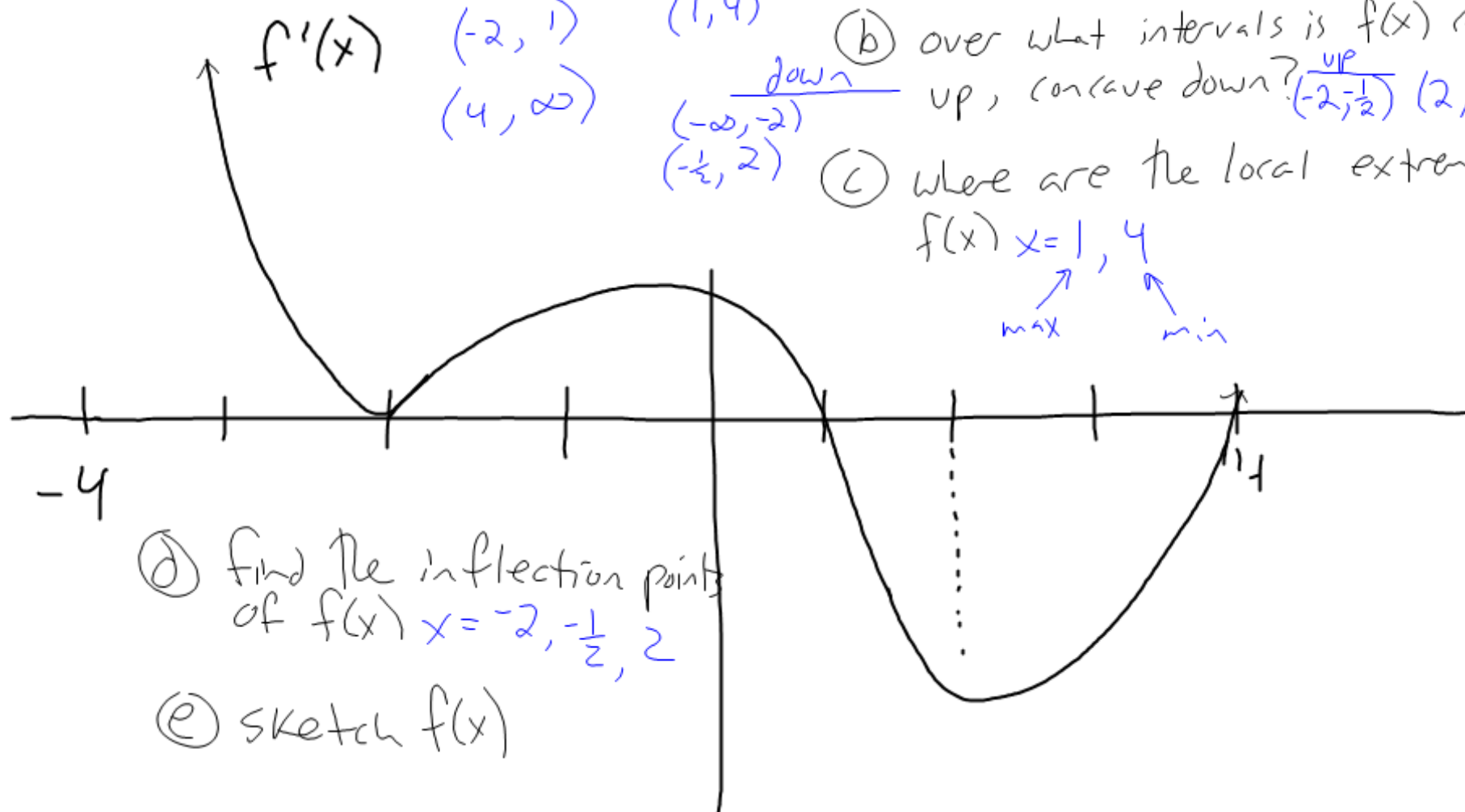


(a) Over what intervals is $f(x)$ increasing, decreasing?

(b) over what intervals is $f(x)$ concave up, concave down? $\frac{up}{(-2, \frac{1}{2})}$ $(2, \infty)$

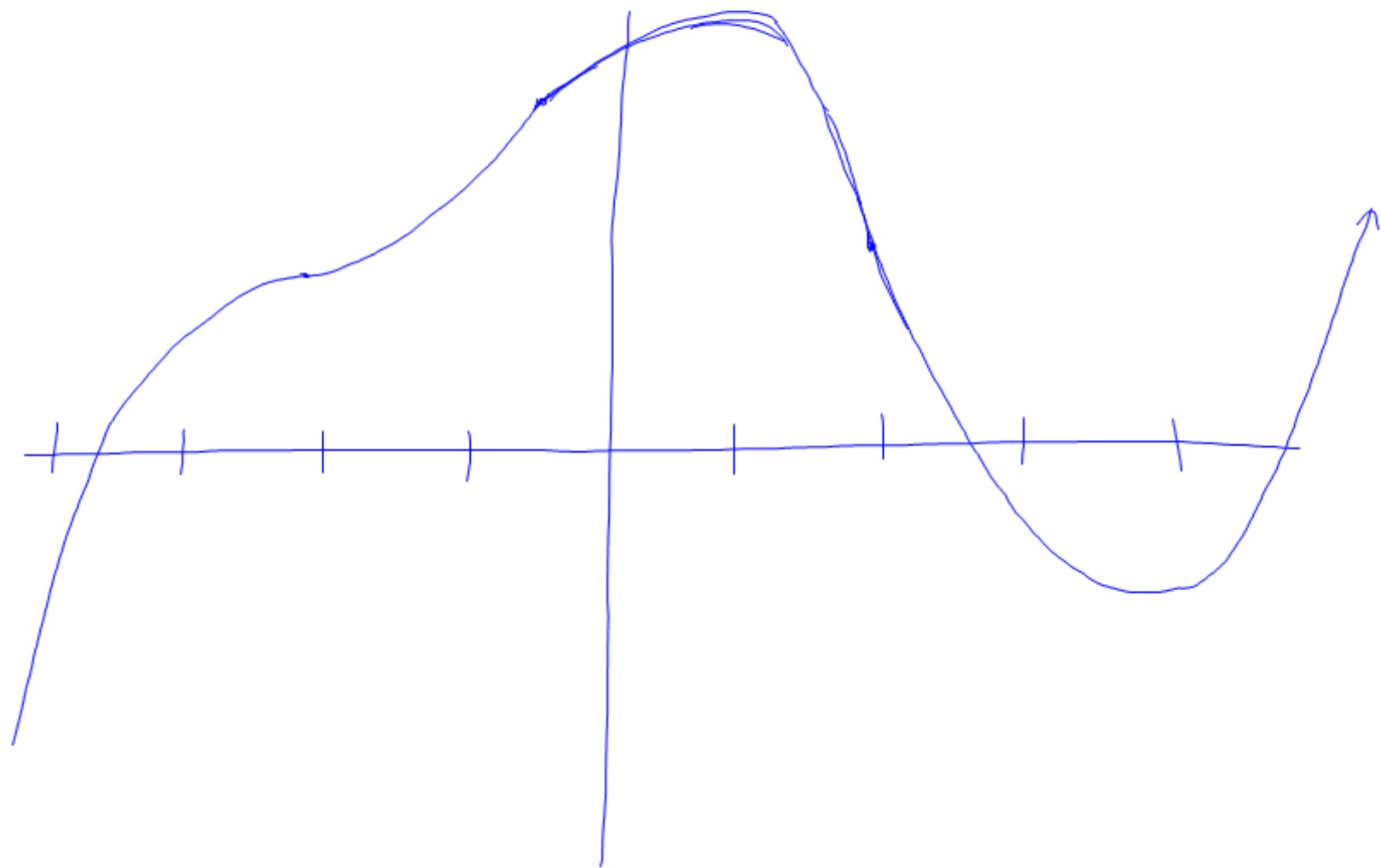
(c) where are the local extrema of $f(x)$ $x=1, 4$

\nearrow max \nwarrow min



(d) find the inflection points of $f(x)$ $x = -2, -\frac{1}{2}, 2$

(e) sketch $f(x)$



Summary

$f(x)$ is increasing when $f'(x) > 0$

$f(x)$ is decreasing when $f'(x) < 0$

$f(x)$ has a critical point when
 $f'(x) = 0$ or when $f'(x)$ is undefined

$f(x)$ is concave up when the rate
of change is increasing or $f''(x) > 0$

$f(x)$ is concave down when the rate
of change is decreasing or $f''(x) < 0$

$f(x)$ has critical points when $f'(x) = 0$
or is undefined

$f(x)$ has a possible inflection point
when $f''(x) = 0$ or is undefined

First Derivative test, test the sign
on either side of the critical points
a change in sign indicates an extrema

Second Derivative test, evaluate the second
derivative of $f(x)$ at the critical points,
if $f''(c) > 0$ then there is a minimum
if $f''(c) < 0$ then there is a maximum

4.3

#2, 6, 7, 10, 11, 14, 16, 19, 21, 24

No Calc

100 pts

Calc

50
pts

Take home

50
pts.